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Comments from the U S Fish and Wildlife Service and the Colorado Division of Wildlife on the Proposed South Interceptor Ditch (SID)

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Please find attached comments from the U S Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on the following EG&G Rocky Flats Inc documents

- 1) Endangered Species Act Compliance Proposed South Interceptor Ditch (SID) Maintenance Project Final Biological Survey Report, dated October 1991 and
- 2) Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act/Migratory Bird Treaty Act Compliance Proposed South Interceptor Ditch (SID) Project dated October 1991

Also find attached comments from the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) regarding the second document listed above

Both the FWS and CDOW have agreed that burning the vegetation in the SID this time of year will not adversely impact wildlife. Thus the vegetation burning of the SID can proceed per the burn permit from the State of Colorado

With regard to the Endangered Species Act, the FWS concurs with DOE/RFO's determination that burning the ditch does not result in a may affect determination for currently listed endangered species and species of concern. For excavation and dredging activities planned for the SID FWS recommends that future endangered species evaluations address the sum of lost habitat values that may be adversely impacted and for all other remedial activities in the 881 Hillside area. In addition FWS requests that DOE/RFO contact them regarding potential endangered species concerns for subsequent phases of the SID project and other remedial/cleanup actions under consideration for the 881 Hillside area

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The FWS has determined the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act/Migratory Bird Treaty Act document to be adequately compiled and, for the purpose of the prescribed burning of vegetation within the the SID channel consistent with the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald Eagle Protection Act. However the FWS encourages DOE/RFO to contact them regarding future actions and potential mitigation concerns for migratory birds eagles and other raptors planned within the second phase of work on the SID and for other remedial/cleanup actions anticipated for the 881 Hillside

We request that all necessary compliance activities for the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act be initiated in a timely manner for the excavation and dredging activities planned for the SID ✓

Any questions or concerns regarding this memorandum or the attached FWS comments should be directed to Bruce Thatcher of my staff at 966-3532



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